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PRODUCTS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY UNDERWAY IN DEPARTMENT, ACTION EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT BY JANUARY 10, IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE, COMPLETE INFORMATION ON LEVEL AND STATUS OF ALL DOMESTIC TAXES, LEVIES AND FEES (INCLUDING EXCISE, SALES, VALUE ADDED TAXES) APPLIED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OR OTHER TAXING ENTITIES ON CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975.

2. IF POSSIBLE, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SHOULD BE BROKEN DOWN IN FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

LIQUIFIED PETROLEUM GASES

GASOLINE, INCLUDING NAPHTHAS AND GASOLINE-BASE JET FUELS

KEROSENE, INCLUDING KEROSENE-BASE JET FUELS, AND DIESEL FUEL

DISTILLATE FUEL OIL, INCLUDING GAS-OIL

RESIDUAL FUEL OIL, INCLUDING CRUDE OIL USED AS A FUEL WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING OR REFINING

LUBRICATING OILS

NATURAL GAS LIQUIDS.

3. TAXES AND OTHER CHARGES SHOULD BE REPORTED IN TERMS OF CENTS PER U.S. GALLON, INDICATING EXCHANGE RATE USED. IF POSSIBLE, POSTS SHOULD OBTAIN AND REPORT AVERAGE ANNUAL YIELD FROM BARREL OF CRUDE OIL ATTAINED IN HOST COUNTRY.

4. IN ADDITION TO HOST GOVERNMENT SOURCES, POSTS MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. OIL COMPANIES WITH SUBSTANTIAL SALES IN COUNTRY.

5. EC BRUSSELS IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF HOW TREATMENT OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS HAS EVOLVED UNDER TREATY OF ROME, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO RECENT EFFORTS BY EC TO HARMONIZE INTERNAL PRACTICES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES UNDER COMMON ENERGY POLICY. MISSION SHOULD PROVIDE CITATIONS TO PAST MESSAGES REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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